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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Hien Tran. (3) _____.
- (2) Christopher T. McWhinney. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 10 May 2005.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 26.

Identification of prior art discussed: Art of record (Frazer).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the attorney discussed the new matter issue and pointed out that page 4, lines 5-10 provides support for the "new matter" of claim 26. The attorney also argued that Frazer is not related to hydrogen generating device. The examiner pointed out that Frazer is relied upon for the general teaching of using either hot exhaust gas, electrical heater or both to heat the catalyst (page 2, lines 87+). The attorney argued that the statement on page 2 of Frazer is for "preheating" the catalyst only .